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T. JACKSON,  
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Hongkong, February 16, 1895. 343

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Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 825

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 2nd March, 1895, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of considering the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 31st October, 1894.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th Instant to the 2nd Proximo (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. A. DUFF,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 18, 1895. 333

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 9th Proximo, at Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1894, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 310

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Hongkong, February 20, 1895. 328

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Captain DAVID, will be despatched for the above Port, on FRIDAY, the 22nd instant, at Daylight.

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H.M. gunboat *Battler* leaves for Formosa on Saturday to relieve the *Mercury*. The gunboat *Pigeon* comes to-morrow and will probably leave for Trincomalee in two or three days. H.M. cruiser *Leander* comes out of dock to-morrow. It is expected that the *Spartan* will leave for the coast in a fortnight, and the *Centurion* a fortnight later.

During her stay in the vicinity of Wei-hai-wei and Chefoo, the *Centurion* has experienced extremely cold, and, at times, very rough weather. On the morning of the 16th inst., just before leaving for Hongkong, she had an exciting experience. She was lying in a little bay to the eastward of the East Entrance to Weihsien in company with the *Alacrity* and the Japanese fleet, when a severe gale sprang up. The *Centurion's* anchors dragged, and before the *Alacrity* could get out of the way the flag ship had drifted down on her, breaking her bowspit, figure-head and doing other superficial damage. While the men were working on the forward deck of the *Centurion*, a huge green sea broke over that part of the ship and engulfed First Lieutenant Risk, Lieutenant James and a large number of her crew. With one exception, an ordinary seaman named Daniel Edwards, a bright young fellow, they managed to catch hold of rails, ropes or other fixings. Edwards was swept into the sea, and although several buoys were thrown towards him the wind and tide carried them in a different direction. The thermometer showed at 15 degrees of frost and there was a bitterly cold wind, and although Edwards managed to keep himself afloat for over ten minutes he became exhausted and sank before effectual assistance could reach him from the *Alacrity*. A lifeboat was lowered with the greatest difficulty, being severely damaged in the operation, but before it was under way, the poor fellow had disappeared. When the life-boat was picked up again the sixteen men who manned her, along with Midshipman Peel and the coxswain in charge, had to be lifted out, they were so exhausted and benumbed, and had to be dosed with stimulants. The attempt to rescue Edwards was carried out under the most perilous conditions, and at one time it seemed that all the boat's crew would have been lost. In spite of the trying weather, the health of the men on board the *Centurion* has been good during the nine months she has been absent from Hongkong. She has come to Hongkong now to undergo some improvements to her machinery which have been found of advantage in her sister ship the *Barfleur*. It will take at least a month to effect these alterations.

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A TELEGRAM received by the Sin-ka-pao from Peking says that General von Hankeku, and Mr. Hartig, Commissioner of Customs at Tientsin, are looking for important business, and are daily being consulted in the Tsung-ti Yamen.

Glory, in the report of the Chinese officials sent to investigate the game it has been taken up by the English communities in China, is the class of little magic bullets with clubs. The bullet, when the players get power over it, disappears into a small hole.

THE Shengpo has received a telegram from Tientsin saying that the local high authorities are very much frightened by the war. The directors of the Railway Company, and the local Mining Company have appointed Mr. Dering to act for them. For Tientsin is the real entrance to the Capital, and every preparation should be made for strengthening the place.

Liu, the Taotai of Shanghai, has posted a proclamation offering rewards for the capture of the two Captains, who escaped leaving the torpedo boats of the Peiyang squadron. The rewards are as follows:—If anyone catches only one, reward Ths. 500. For giving information which will lead to the place where they are hidden, reward Ths. 300.

New Piano Repairing Machinery arrived for W. Robinson and Company.

THE Shengpo in a correspondence from Hankow relates that the eldest son of the late Marquis Teng-wen to call 10,000 of Duke Tsun-fang's trustworthy soldiers, and the Government will allow them to do so. Already he has collected 13 camp of 1,000 men, and on the 17th, 18th and 19th they arrived at Hankow in 16 large junks, and they are anchored at the mouth of the Hison River awaiting the full number of soldiers, when they will go overland to the North probably to Fung-chow.

A CORRESPONDENT from a port north of this writes:—There is a rumour here, which I send with all reserve that two 'own correspondents' in the North have fought a duel over an item of war news. It appears they had both got hold of the same piece of news like two ducks with one worm, and neither would relinquish it. The news was probably genuine as otherwise the duel would hardly have been justified. What it was will never be known as the fight was fatal to both. The general feeling is that the loss of the news is the most important thing. News is no. It is encouraging, however, to see such correspondents are willing to suffer in the cause of truth; and it shows with what spirit the press is driven.

A COUPLE of months ago we (*N.C. Daily News*) published a telegram from Peking announcing the punishment by banishment to the military post roads in Mongolia of the Censor An Wei-chih, for having denounced the Empress-Dowager in disrespectful terms and accused her of intermeddling with State affairs, contrary to etiquette. It has now transpired, according to *Peking* despatch to hand, that the Censor An Wei-chih's memorial was directed at the Vicereyn Li Hung-chang, accusing him of traitorous designs against the State and calling for his immediate decapitation and the confiscation of his immense estate. Li Hung-chang, says the Censor, 'all along was against war which was really inevitable,' from a selfish point of view, owing to his investments in Japan, which would be lost to him. The Censor also declared it as the belief of the country in general that Li Hung-chang had been intending to rebel and call upon the point of doing so when the Emperor appointed General Ts'a Kueh-chung of Tientsin to raise Tientsin volunteers and militia, and the enthusiasm with which General Ts'a's call was responded to by the natives of Tientsin was the cause of Li Hung-chang's hesitation.

At all the arms which will benefit by the invention of smokeless powder, the machine-guns will reap the greatest advantage. Hitherto with the Gardner, Nordenfeldt and Maxim, the gun-detachments have been unable to direct their fire properly owing to the dense smoke which hid the enemy from view after a few score rounds had been fired. When a crowd of savages or fanatics charge at racing speed, it is all important to watch their movements to note how the waves of men change their course, and to pour bullets into the ranks which threaten to come first to close quarters. In the Soudan and South Africa, the Arabs and Zulus invariably made for the corners of our squares, as they were thus attacking points whence the fewest number of rifles could be brought to bear. Their runs upon any of the four faces could almost always be repulsed, but more than once they made good their charge at a corner. Hence it followed that such machine or field-guns as were available were placed at one or more of the four corners, and they did great execution. But the smoke from the old black powder prevented any aim being taken by the gunners, who could only hope that their fire was effective. More than once they had the unpleasant experience of seeing dark figures suddenly burst through the smoke-clouds, and then a hand-to-hand fight was inevitable. The gun-detachments were occasionally annihilated, and discipline alone saved the square from being wrecked. Now with a gun like the Maxim, firing cordite ammunition, the conditions will be changed. Its discharge is at the terrific rate of six hundred rounds per minute; but each hand-to-hand fight was inevitable. The gun-detachments were occasionally annihilated, and discipline alone saved the square from being wrecked. Now with a gun like the Maxim, firing cordite ammunition, the conditions will be changed. 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